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2011 SABLEFISH TAG RECOVERY INCENTIVE DRAWING WINNERS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the winners of the annual Tag Recovery Incentive Drawing for sablefish tags returned in 2011. The winners are:

1.	Nathan Gruening	F/V Dawn Treader	Juneau, AK	\$1,000
2.	Zak D Wass	F/V Devyn Nicole	Sitka, AK	\$500
3.	Rick Daugherty	F/V Phoenix	Juneau, AK	\$500
4.	Paul Phillips	F/V Ocean Aggressor	Madeira Park, BC, Canada	\$250
5.	Frederick C Phillips	F/V Pacific Dawn	Pelican, AK	\$250
6.	Robert Fraumeni	F/V Ocean Pearl	Victoria, BC, Canada	\$250

All persons who turn in an ADF&G groundfish tag receive a hat or T-shirt and a letter with the release and recovery information for the sablefish tag(s) they returned. Each ADF&G sablefish tag returned with valid recovery information (date of recovery and precise latitude and longitude or set number if tag is attached to a logbook page) was placed into the drawing, and the winning tags were randomly chosen. A total of 612 of the 882 ADF&G sablefish tags returned qualified for the drawing. The drawing was held January 31, 2012 at ADF&G in Juneau.

The Southeast Groundfish Project has been tagging sablefish since 1979 to obtain information on sablefish movement, growth and abundance. The tags are bright orange or green in color, approximately three inches in length, and are located below the first dorsal fin of the fish. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Coos Bay, Oregon and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

The movement information collected from tagging studies is an important contribution to the management of sablefish fisheries. The department appreciates the participation of fishermen and processors in this program.

Additional information on Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries can be found on our web site at:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>

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